

FROM THE FIELD.

Falls City Items.

Our love feast at the Silver Creek church on the 20th was a very enjoyable event; at least that seemed to be the universal verdict of those who gave expression to their sentiments.

There was a mistake made in not having more tables prepared as the tables were much crowded and some were not accommodated. We had a few guests from adjoining churches. Eld. Jonathan Warner and wife of Pony Creek church, were with us, and Bro. B. F. Grabill and wife of the same place, came to feast with us for the last time before moving away to far off Oregon, where they will not have the benefits of church associations. Bro. and Sister Lowry of Morrill and Bro. G. W. Myers, Secretary of the Trans Missouri Home Missionary Board, and his wife were also with us. Eld. M. M. Lichty of Rockwell City, Kan., was present with us also,—that is, he was present at the love feast, but he did not materialize at the appointment for preaching that was announced especially for him on Sunday evening. Of course, we know his excuse, it rained a little and Bro. Lichty hails from Western Kansas, and people from there are very much afraid of wet weather. The congregation that turned out to hear him improved the time in singing, the class being under the efficient leadership of our young Bro. W. Y. More. Bro. More has done this church good service by drilling the singers and perfecting them in singing church music.

The singing was a principal feature at our love feast, as the exercises were interspersed with singing the soul inspiring hymns suitable for the occasion, to the enjoyment and edification of those present, instead of compelling all to listen to arguments to prove our practice, as has been the custom of past years. These arguments are not needed for the members, who it may safely be presumed, have faith in what they are doing, and the spectators are generally more interested in looking on than in hearing arguments. A more appropriate time for speaking on those subjects is sometime previous to the love feast, when the subjects can be treated to much better advantage.

In singing, while observing the ordinances, all can participate in the exercises and the occasion will be much more solemn and impressive.

Bro. Warner preached for us on Sunday morning following the feast, from 1 Cor. 13: 13.

This was the first feast held since the departure of our beloved brother, Eld. S. C. Stump. That was a nice tribute Eld. Bauman paid to his memory in the EVANGELIST. Thank you, in behalf of all who knew and loved Bro. Stump, for those kind and truthful words. We could hardly realize at our feast that Bro. Stump could no more be with us. But although he has left us, the church which he was so largely instrumental in building up yet exists and is continuing in its career of usefulness in the world. Thus it is when a good man dies, his works will follow after him.

Our Sunday School continues, and in spite of the excitement of a political campaign, the interest

in church work continues unabated.

E. L. YODER.

Jones Mills Items.

The church here is apparently sailing on a smooth sea at present. We are still living, and that only, not growing much nor getting stronger numerically, but holding our own pretty well, with the exception of a few members going away. Some we hope will return, but others have their names in the Brethren church book where they have located. Some elsewhere in Pa., and others in Kansas, but though they are a loss to us, they are gain where they have located, and we wish them well in the religious life. The indications are that a few more will leave in the spring, but we trust by the help of the Lord, we may have others to take their place.

On last Sabbath, morning service, one earnest young lady came out on the Lord's side, and at the evening service another came forward with a full determination to cast her lot with the people of God. The former was baptized on Sabbath. Consecration service Sabbath evening. The latter was baptized today (Tuesday). Consecration service shortly afterward. Both are in their teens and we regard them as valuable accessions, believing they will be earnest workers in the church and do a noble work for the Lord. We expect more will follow their good example.

The Sabbath school at the Brethren church near Jones Mills has closed (being a country school) as usual, for the winter, to open again the second Sabbath in April, 1887. Bro. W. H. Miller was our superintendent during the summer, and he labored earnestly for the success of the school. While the attendance was not what we expected, yet it is not always the largest school that is the most successful. The average being about forty, we conclude that a good work was accomplished. One of the members of the S. S. has united with the church recently, so we have no reason to be discouraged but much to be thankful for.

W. A. HARMAN.

Auburn, Ill.

Oct. 9,—I have now served as pastor of the Auburn Brethren Church one year and a half, and at Ocoya six months. Having decided to travel some this winter, I accordingly, at a business meeting of the church, held today, tendered my resignation as pastor, which was accepted. This closes my work here, and will also necessitate my resignation as pastor of the Ocoya church. I very much regret to leave the church at Ocoya without a pastor, as it is comparatively a new organization, composed mostly of young people, of more than ordinary intelligence who should have the benefit and support of regular services. However, I am making an effort to get a man to fill my place and believe I shall succeed. This church surely has a bright future and I hope and pray that God will protect them from the temptations of Satan and keep them faithful until life shall end. Brethren, you shall ever have a warm place in my heart and an interest in my prayers. The kindness and hospitality which you have shown me will not be

forgotten. Remember your unworthy servant at a throne of grace. God bless you each and all—Farewell.

A. M. RIDENOUR.

Downsville, Md.

Our communion will be held at St. James, Friday, Nov. 9th, commencing at 3 p. m. All are invited. The brethren and sisters of Pennsylvania and Virginia will take this notice as an invitation to be with us.

The Sisters' Society has organized in three places, instead of all the state being in one, so now St. James has an organization. They will hold their first active meeting, Sunday Nov. 11th, at 9:30 a. m.

We also have an active prayer meeting at St. James on Sunday evening when there is no preaching. I would add it is my opinion that all the churches ought to have more prayer meetings and each church a sister's society.

We were favored with two good sermons yesterday, Oct. 21st, at St. James, by Bro. I. D. Bowman. Sermon in the morning, text: "What lack I yet." Evening, text: "I will be unto you a father and ye shall be my sons and daughters."

We were made glad to hear Bro. Bowman talk, as it has been a long time since he preached for us at St. James, being on a visit to his home in Virginia, and on coming to Maryland, he soon left for Pennsylvania, near Williamsport, where he held a very successful meeting.

Bro. B. ought to be an evangelist. Not that he is not a good pastor, but he is able to meet the enemy anywhere.

May the good work go on in my prayer. Yours for the cause. T. J. FAHRNEY.

Oct. 22, 1888.

Ocoya, Ill.

On last Sunday we listened to two excellent sermons by our minister, A. M. Ridenour, the last he will preach for us, at least for the present. Congregations were fairly good and considerable interest was manifested. Bro. Ridenour has labored among us for the past six months, and we regretted his departure. On Tuesday evening we held our first communion and it was a most enjoyable occasion and one long to be remembered. It was impossible for all our members to be present, and yet we feel that we were blessed with the Divine presence, for He has said "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." We feel that we have obeyed Christ's command and are better enabled to press on toward the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus.

We are now without a regular minister. Bro. A. A. Cober will preach for us next Sunday at 10 a. m., and we hope to make arrangements with him to preach for us occasionally during the remainder of the year.

Bro. Ridenour, with his wife, left us on Tuesday night, and will go to Ohio from here. Sister R., during a week's visit here, made many warm friends who regret that, knowing her, they can enjoy her Christian society no more. As a church we ask the prayers of all God's people.

MINNIE FRANTZ.

Oct. 26, 1888.

New Virginia, Iowa.

Our meetings at this place are opening up a very encouraging interest. Up to date four have been baptized and others will be at the opening of service this evening. Last night two came forward publicly and others made application for baptism privately after church. Our distinctive church claims were little known by the majority of citizens of this town. Most of them were members of other churches. But eight out of every ten express themselves as convinced of the gospel correctness of our position since hearing the questions discussed. It looks this morning as if I would not be able to get away from here in time to reach my Dallas Center appointment tomorrow night. If not, Bro. Isaac Thomas will go as a substitute for a few days. He will make a surprisingly good one, as his ability as a preacher in this county, where he is well known, is proverbial.

S. H. BASHOR.

Oct. 26.

OUR CHURCH.

Bro. Josiah Keim expects to canvass for the College this week.

The Brethren at Campbell, Michigan expect to build a new church soon.

The EVANGELIST will be sent to any address the remainder of the year for 25 cents.

Brethren Ditch and Bowman have interesting articles in the drawer for next week.

The Brethren at Scott's Ford, Va., have called a minister and expect to do more earnest Christian work.

Bro. S. E. Shook left on Monday of this week for Dayton to spend a week in the interest of the College.

Bro. A. M. Ridenour is now at West Independence, Ohio, which will be his address until further notice. This place was a former field of labor.

Bro. DeBolt reports sixteen accessions this week. Over a hundred were reported last week and this. Why should we take any backward step?

Bro. E. Roop, of Centerview, Missouri, has sent in a nice list of short time subscribers. There is also quite an awakening in the Lord's work in Missouri.

Meetings are now being held in all parts of the Brotherhood. There is every evidence that this winter will be the most remarkable yet in evangelistic work.

The writer expects to be with the Brethren at Ankenytown, Knox Co., Ohio, in a series of meetings, commencing Nov. 21st, and ending Dec. 5th.—W. J. H. Bauman.

Bro. J. Allen Miller and C. E. Deffenbaugh were on hand last week to do their part in the interests of the College. Would that there were many more as devoted as they are.

Bro. Isaac Kilhefner expects to start on an evangelistic tour soon. He is an earnest, enthusiastic laborer in revival work, and has excellent success. He expects to work in Michigan the greater part of the time he will devote to the cause.

Bro. A. Palmer sends an invitation, also, to attend the communion meeting at the Mt. Zion church, Hocking county, Ohio, as announced by the pastor, J. Allen Miller. Bro. Palmer's address is Logan, Ohio.

The Brethren at Dallas Center, Iowa, will hold their communion, Nov. 6th. Bro. S. H. Bashor commences a protracted meeting here Oct. —, and will continue till communion. A general invitation is given to all who can to be with us.—D. S. Shank.

Inquiries are coming in from various sources about the College, from members who desire to send their children after the holidays. To all such we will say that the future of the College, as a Brethren institution will be settled about December 1st, and will be duly published. In the mean time make your arrangements to send the children. And remember too that if you place your children under the management here that the same restraint will be exercised here that they are under at home.

NICKERSON, KANS.—Our love-feast at Christopher, Kansas, on Oct. 7th, was an enjoyable one. Fifteen communed. A spirit of deep solemnity prevailed while the ordinances were administered, without the usual defensive preaching. The church met in council, Oct. 6th, and arranged to hold two series of meetings this coming quarter, one at Christopher and one near Nickerson. It was decided to employ Bro. Jacob W. Beer as pastor for this quarter and that he hold the series of meetings. We represent at the District Convention at Morrill by letter being unable (financially) to send a delegate. Hope the spirit of the Lord may pervade the meeting and great good be done, by a united and systematic effort. Brethren pray for the poor churches and scattered members throughout the west.—Jacob W. Beer.

Brethren Hymnodies.

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